

**Press Release**

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**ANDERSON VALLEY ELDERHOME RECEIVES GRANT**

The Anderson Valley ElderHome Project is the recipient of a \$50,000 grant from the California Endowment. The Anderson Valley ElderHome Board of Directors wish to thank the many hard working volunteers who helped the project achieve this exciting new milestone.

The grant funds will enable the Board of Directors to hire a Pre-Construction Project Manager, who will coordinate further planning tasks for the Anderson Valley ElderHome project. A new Anderson Valley ElderHome website was launched this week to help announce the open position. The Project Manager job description and application form can be downloaded from the website at <http://www.avelderhome.org>, or can be requested by mail from Anderson Valley ElderHome, Box 110, Philo, CA 95466. The new job will also be advertised in local newspapers for the next three weeks. The application deadline is January 9, 2004.

The Anderson Valley ElderHome, a community based non-profit organization, envisions a comfortable, homelike building surrounded by easily accessible gardens to provide a locally owned and operated assisted living facility. A Feasibility Study completed last year confirmed the potential for successful operation of the proposed facility. The Anderson Valley ElderHome Project is coordinated by an eight member Board of Directors.

The California Endowment, a statewide partner for healthier communities, works with organizations and institutions that directly benefit the health and well-being of Californians with a special focus on underserved individuals and communities. Locally, the Endowment also supports the Anderson Valley Health Center and many other Mendocino County organizations.

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